



T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the City Attorney's Conference Room, City Hall, 7th floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:06 p.m., on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair
Sharon Chadwick
Demion Clinco
Stephen Grede
Albert Guidero
Gerald Juliani

Carlos Lozano
Bettina Lyons
Kathy Nabours
Sybil Needham
Eileen R. Warshaw
Gal Witmer

Members Absent:

Norma Niblett, Vice Chair
Sandee Brooke
Annette Campbell
Sarah Herr
Joe Joaquin

Bill Mackey
Estevan Rodriguez
Rene RedDog
Patsy Waterfall

Others Present:

Jim Glock
Simon Herbert

Department of Transportation Director
Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural Resources
and Historic Preservation Office
Historic Preservation Office
Poster Frost Associates, Inc.
Darling Environmental & Surveying, Ltd.
Guest
Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2009
- B. Approval of Budget Subcommittee Actions from meeting of:
 - 1. October 14, 2009
- C. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meeting(s) of:
 - 1. August 27, 2009
 - 2. September 24, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Needham, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Commissioners Niblett, Brooke, Campbell, Herr, Joaquin, Mackey, RedDog, Rodriguez, and Waterfall absent) to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C.

Approved: 12/09/2009

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Majewski distributed copies of a "thank you" letter from the Jewish History Museum. She also passed around materials and a schedule of events from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records announcing October was Arizona Archives Month.

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4. Removal/Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees

No report was given.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer (Jonathan Mabry)

Chair Majewski announced Dr. Mabry was attending a National Trust meeting, and would give an update at the November meeting.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Simon Herbert, for Linda Mayro, reported on the following:

1. Existing Bond Program Updates:

- a) Fort Lowell Plan – The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurs with the Master Plan for Fort Lowell. The Preservation Plan, in draft form, was currently under review by SHPO. They were expected to concur with the plan, because the Preservation Plan was a component of the Master Plan.
- b) Dunbar School – The rehabilitation of the exterior was underway.
- c) Canoa Ranch – Phase 3 of the project was about to go out to bid.
- d) Immaculate Conception Church in Ajo – Grant was recently reinstated, so repairs were proceeding.
- e) Ajo Depot Transportation Enhancement Grant – Project was underway to rehabilitate the Ajo Building.
- f) Valencia Archaeological Site was going to be auctioned off by the Arizona State Lands Department on November 24, 2009, and Pima County was the only bidder for the site.
- g) Open Space and Historic Preservation Bond Projects were going to be reviewed by the Bond Advisory Committee on December 11, 2009, and would detail all the projects that had come into the County for the Bond.

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Mr. Herbert responded to questions from Commission members, and discussion was held.

C. Tucson Department of Transportation Director (Jim Glock or TDOT Staff)

Jim Glock reported on the following:

1. Major Corridor Projects Updates:

- a) Grant, 22nd and Broadway – No new information to report.
- b) Sabino extension to Kolb Road, next to Udall Park – Plans were underway. They expected archaeological investigations and potential recovery occurring at that project.
- c) Silverbell Road, Grant to Ina, was a similar corridor project, and was underway. Many archaeological sites are anticipated in the Silverbell project area, and the department is contemplating how to manage the project within the allocated budget.
- d) Speedway Boulevard from Camino Seco to Houghton – Project scheduled to go to bid in early 2010, and plans were being made to phase the construction work around required archaeological recovery.
- e) The City was successful in swapping land they owned underneath Interstate 10 for the Steinfeld Warehouse, Scrappy's, and the MOCA Warehouses by Sixth Street and Toole Avenue. Staff anticipated closing of the transaction to occur the end of November. The Real Estate Division would then be putting out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find interested parties in restoring and occupying those buildings. A draft of the RFP was recently presented to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Glock said he would request that a copy of the draft be provided to the Commission.

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Mr. Glock responded to questions from the Commission members, and discussion was held.

6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports

A. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

B. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Santee Brooke)

No report was given.

C. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

D. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

No report was given.

E. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Sarah Herr or Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski stated Commissioner Herr attended last month's meeting, and read a quick update, which ~~had been~~ provided by Commissioner Herr.

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The meeting focused on the new Infill Ordinance, and concerns expressed by the neighborhoods, because it required a certain amount of trust in the process between City Planners and Developers. There appeared to be a way to rezone without going through a rezoning process. It was also intended to allow use of spaces that might not otherwise be used, including historic buildings and vacant properties, if the problem with those places was a required use.

With a few exceptions, the ordinance was not applicable to Historic Preservation Zones. The exception might be some places in Armory Park and the entirety of Iron Horse, which came by choice of the neighborhood.

Chair Majewski also reported the Feldman District had been organizing heated meetings about the mini-dorm problem. Concerns were expressed that the anger was not helpful, although there was sympathy with the problems created by the construction.

F. Historic Landmark Signs Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Carlos Lozano)

Commissioner Lozano reported the Subcommittee had not met due to a lack of a quorum. The next meeting was scheduled for October 23, 2009.

7. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Demion Clinco)

Commissioner Clinco reported they were moving forward with the Joesler Coffee Table Book, and had a book photographer and writer committed to the project. The National Register Nomination for the Marist College has been completed and was being reviewed by the City and County. They hoped to have the nomination submitted to SHPO by mid-November.

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8. 3D Laser Scanning for Historical Documentation (Ryan Darling)

Ryan Darling, Darling Environmental & Surveying LTD, gave a power point presentation on 3D Laser Scanning for Historical Documentation. The focus of the presentation was work done by his firm at San Xavier Mission. Their work involved high tech documentation that could replace a great deal of the more labor extensive documentation of historical properties. Mr. Darling explained what 3D laser scanning was and gave examples of some kinds of products that could be expected from 3D laser scanning technology.

Mr. Darling responded to questions from Commission members, and discussion was held.

9. Fort Lowell Park Master Plan and Preservation Plan for the Former Adkins Parcel (Poster Frost Associates, Inc.)

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Simon Herbert gave a brief introduction of the *Fort Lowell Park Master Plan* and *Preservation Plan* for the former Adkins Parcel.

Corky Poster, Poster Frost Associates, gave an update on the *Plan*, which had recently been presented before the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission. He said not much had changed, but he pointed out a few things about the *Plan* that had changed. Mr. Poster also gave a presentation on how they were proceeding with the *Preservation/Restoration Plan*. Mr. Poster explained, in the first phase, the scope of work for the Adkins Parcel was 1.2 million dollars, which was left from the 2004 Bonds specifically for the purpose of preservation and restoration on the site.

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Chair Majewski clarified that this was basically a concept plan, and if approved, it would go to the Plans Review Subcommittee when the plan had been completed.

Mr. Poster responded to questions from Commission members, and discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Guidero, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0, to send a letter from the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission to the Mayor and Council in support of the *Fort Lowell Park Master Plan* and *Preservation Plan* for the Former Adkins Parcel.

10. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Chair Majewski announced the Empire Ranch Roundup would be held October 24, and invited everyone to attend.

Commissioner Needham invited everyone to attend "Living History" at the Presidio on Saturdays and Sundays.

11. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

12. Future Agenda Items for November Meeting

Chair Majewski asked Commission members and staff to get future agenda items to her by the end of October.

13. Adjournment: 1:10 p.m.